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## Counseling Center hosts alcohol screening day

BY BROOKE CONSTANCE WHITE  
News Reporter

Students filled out questionnaires and were educated about their alcohol drinking habits at the University of Rhode Island yesterday during Alcohol Screening Day in the Memorial Union Ballroom.

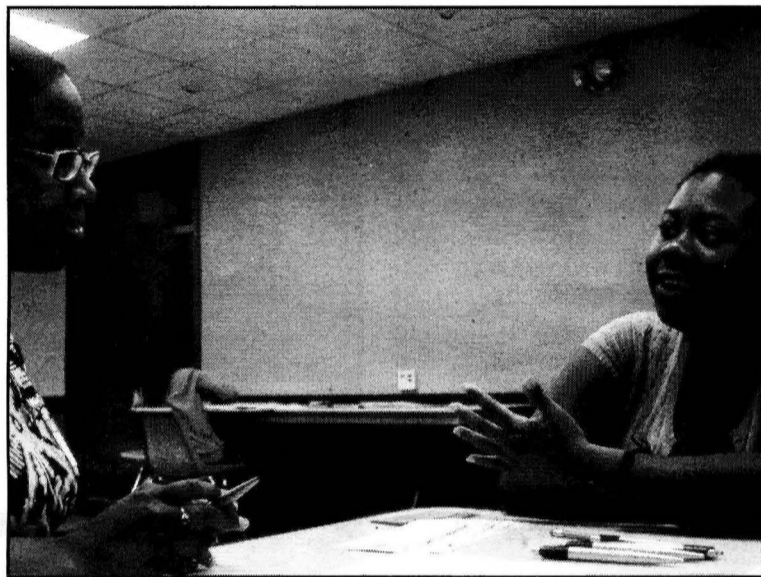
The event, which was co-hosted by the Counseling Center and Substance Abuse Prevention Services, takes place every semester and generally draws a crowd of anywhere from 50 to 200 students, said Clinical Counselor Alison Homan said.

She said the counseling's center continues to put this event on every semester to educate, raise awareness and give individual feedback to students based on their answers to the screening questions.

"We don't put labels on people ever, but we just want to talk with people about some of the risks and what their risk level might be based on how much they drink," Homan said. "Often students think that they will be lec-

tured about drinking, especially in a university setting and when they are speaking with school staff, but we want to talk about alcohol openly."

Homan said the center wants students to be provoked to think about what they learned at the screening and she wants students to be aware of some of the myths regarding alcoholic intake.



Teresa Kelly | Cigar

Junior Mecca Smith received information about safe drinking during her alcohol screening yesterday in the Memorial Union, co-hosted by the Counseling Center and Substance Abuse Prevention services.

"We want people to learn something from this that might make them think about what they are drinking or how much they are drinking," Homan said. "It might be that students have concerns about a family member, roommate or just themselves."

The counseling center had a table set up called "Can You Pour Yourself a Standard

Drink" with measuring cups, beer mugs, wine glasses and shot glasses and students were asked to pour what they thought was considered to be one drink. Homan said this was a hands-on exercise that was supposed help the students see how much a standard drink is.

After students filled out the screening and got feedback from one of the counselors, they were given a coupon for a free slice of Ronzio's pizza.

"By offering incentives, there is no stigma and students know that there is no commitment by filling out the questionnaire," Homan said.

Junior Vanelisa Alcala, a student receptionist at the Counseling Center, helped run the screening table.

"I think this is a really great way for students' eyes to be opened to know what and how much they are drinking because sometimes I don't think they are aware of that," Alcala said. "One girl just came out and was

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## Surf Club to host extreme sports event

BY HENSLEY CARRASCO  
News Editor

The University of Rhode Island Student Senate has approved a grant to fund the Surf Club's homecoming week event in October.

The senate approved an \$11,000 contingency grant from its programming fund for the Surf Club in order to fund the club's Extreme Sports Caravan. The event is highlighted by an evening performance by Badfish, a Sublime tribute band.

The \$11,000 was divided into two separate categories within the Surf Club. Ten thousand dollars will be used to pay for Badfish, and the other \$1,000 will be used for the sound, stage and lighting.

URI Surf Club President Patrick Brown said Badfish normally charges \$15,000 to perform, but the Surf Club was able to get it down to the current amount.

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## URI graduate students start 5k training group

BY BROOKE CONSTANCE WHITE  
News Reporter

A group of University of Rhode Island graduate students have recently started a 5k training group for students, faculty and staff in hopes of running the "Gear N Beer" 5k road race.

When physical therapy graduate students Lauren Johnson, Kelly Pasquantonio and Jennifer McKenna had to do a leadership project that incorporated physical therapy with the community, the three avid runners could not think of a better way than to start a group to train for a 5k race. Their aim is to complete the Mew's Tavern's 11th annual "Gear N Beer" 5k road race in late November.

"Another classmate is doing his project on raising

money for the special Olympics, which is what the race is benefiting, so we wanted to create a team to fundraise but also to train people to be able to run it," McKenna said.

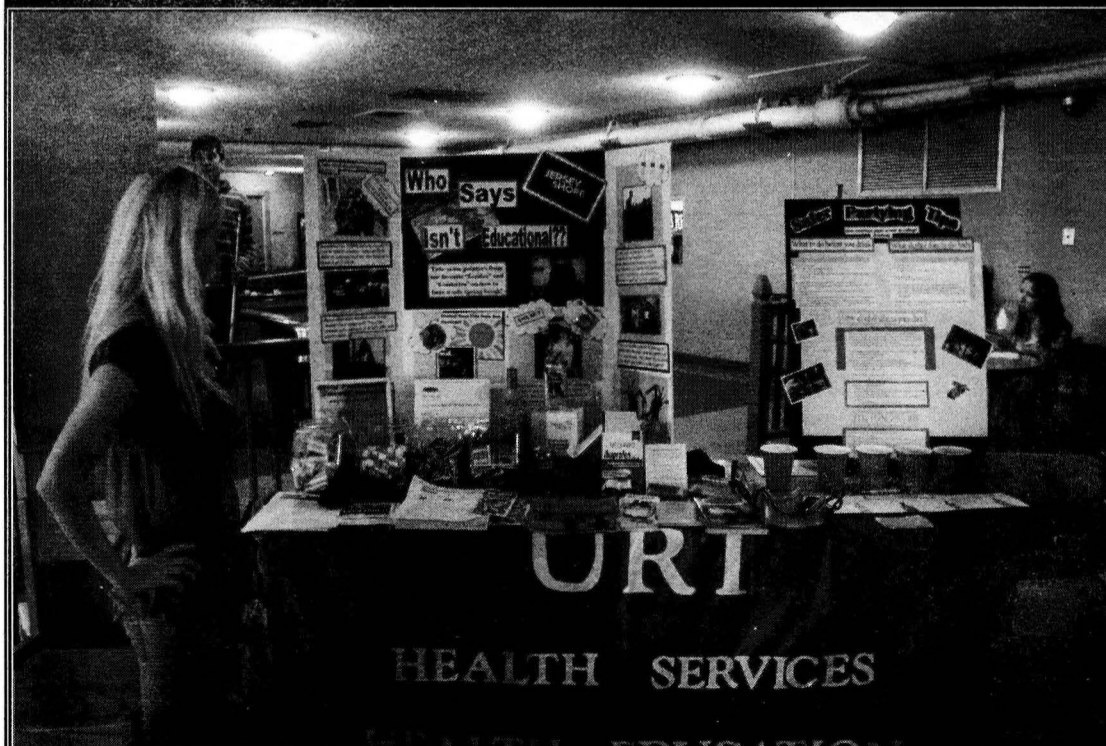
They had their first meeting last week and about 15 people showed, McKenna said.

"We really want to build this program around people's goals and give them individualized plans for each person," Johnson said. "Besides training them to run a 5k, we will be talking about nutrition, how to avoid injuries while exercising and just talk about how to live a healthy life."

All three graduate students leading the program have been running most of

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## Rhody pic of the day



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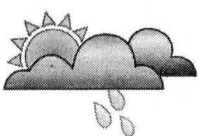
Health Services asks 'Who says Jersey Shore isn't educational?' during its presentation on safe partying tips for students in the Memorial Union yesterday.

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Check out how women's volleyball did last night!

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# CAMPUS

## Hockey

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said. "Credit to everyone else on my line, they all worked hard, we all worked hard."

Junior defenseman Alan Dionne tied the game with his first lamp lighter of the year with just more than five minutes to go in the game. Rutgers quickly responded with back-to-back goals a little more than a minute apart to crush the Rams' chances.

An empty-net goal was added before the game ended. "We're trying to put this weekend in our rearview and kind of learn from our mistakes," Lassik said. "I think we have the potential to be a national championship

team, we just have to do the right things in practice, do the right things off the ice and we're on the right path."

Sophomore goalie Andrew Marks played the first 30 minutes of the contest, stopping 13 of 15 shots. Freshman Andrew Sherman played the final 30 minutes, making 15 saves on 19 shots.

Three players were lost to injury over the weekend. Tingley suffered a concussion and sophomore Sean O'Neil suffered an ankle injury, forcing both to miss Saturday's game. Jeff Lace also sat out the second game of the series.

Rhode Island returns to action this weekend with a two-game series at the University of Scranton.

## Alcohol

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extremely surprised at the results of her test; people don't realize how much they drink until they see it or hear it from someone else often-times."

Junior Leslie Bediako said that the screening was beneficial for her, even though she doesn't drink at all.

"I feel like it's a good idea because some people can get

really crazy and have a hard time controlling their drinking habits," Bediako said.

Others, such as freshman Max Regozzino, said that while he does not have much experience drinking, he is prepared and knows what is an appropriate amount to drink.

"Drinking in the future will be easier for me because I have knowledge about the proper amount of alcohol to drink," Regozzino said.

## Hillel celebrates Rosh Hashanah

BY LANCE SAN SOUCI  
News Editor

University of Rhode Island students, Jewish and gentile alike, celebrated the Jewish New Year with delicious plates of apricot chicken, socializing and holy prayers.

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, began last night at sundown. Like a number of religious celebrations, the holiday represents many things, some better known than others, and many of them captivating for all people, Jewish or otherwise.

The event featured a religious ceremony, followed by a dinner that included some of the holiday's most traditional dishes.

"It's the 'head of a new year,'" Hillel director Amy Olsen said. "Tonight is the night Hillel is celebrating."

The Jewish New Year marks the first of the High Holy Days, which end on Oct. 7 with Yom Kippur, the "Day of Atonement." According to Jewish faith, Rosh Hashanah marks the day Adam and Eve were created 5,772 years ago.

Rosh Hashanah is about looking forward to a "sweet" new year with sweet foods, and beginning a clean slate and making resolutions. At Hillel, people got a taste of this tradition by eating challah, apricot chicken, apples dipped in honey and kugel.

"It's a major tradition to dip apples in honey, [which signifies] a sweet new year," Olsen said. "Challah is also round, which represents the circle of life."

Challah, special braided

bread eaten by Jews on the Sabbath and holidays, is also commonly symbolized as a crown, in keeping with the celebrated motif of royalty.

Olsen said other traditions include the blowing of the shofar. The shofar is a horn, traditionally of a ram, that is incorporated in Jewish services to signify the awakening of worshippers to the seriousness of the day.

"Sometimes you can't convey your prayer in words," Olsen said of the shofar. "[One can] listen to the voices of it."

Among students who attended the service included freshman psychology major Julie Schwartz, and her friend Mara Plotzker, a communicative disorders major.

As practicing Jews, they agreed that while ceremonies at

their hometown in New Jersey are generally longer than the one held at Hillel, they enjoyed the simplicity and togetherness of it all. Sophomore sociology major Evelyn Diamond added that while grape juice was served to guests rather than the customary wine, she enjoyed and appreciated the camaraderie Hillel generates through its events.

"It's a great place for Jews to get together," she said.

Olsen seemed to agree when she said that it is interesting that the Jewish New Year starts at the beginning of the school year, where students are welcomed and encouraged to go to events.

"We try to create a warm and welcoming environment," she said. "We like to have a community here."



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## Research funding increases for university, grant money received

BY GUS CANTWELL  
News Reporter

A presentation conducted by Peter Alfonso on Friday showed the rapid growth of outside money coming into the University of Rhode Island for research.

Held in Pastore Hall in front of 20 faculty members, Alfonso, the Vice President of Research and Economic Development, discussed the drastic increase in grant money within the last few years.

Alfonso said that awards in the past had generally totaled roughly \$65 million every year until 2009. In the last three fiscal years, this number has jumped to more than \$85 million each year. The school topped \$100 million in grant money in the 2010 fiscal year.

"That's a huge growth in 3 years," he said.

Alfonso added that much of the money in recent years has come to the university through President Barack Obama's stimulus money. The university gained more than \$24 million in 2010.

More than a quarter of the \$93 million in awards for the 2011 fiscal year were given to the Quate School of Oceanography, The College of the Environment and Life Sciences, and Arts and

Sciences each received more than \$16 million as well.

In order to receive grant money, the departments on campus must create proposals, which must then be approved by the corresponding federal agency.

Alfonso said more than 700 proposals are sent out every year. With so many proposals being created, a process was put in place to help each college create their proposals and receive their grant money.

Karen Markin, director of the research development office, said that her office is the "first step to getting a research award."

Markin said her office works with a group of consultant in Washington, D.C. called The Implementation Group, or TIG. Markin explained that they "assist us with developing competitive proposals to federal funding agencies."

There are numerous types of proposals, and the research development office helps to make sure every point on a proposal is covered. If anything is missed, proposals are not accepted and the college does not receive grant money.

The next step for receiving a grant is to go through the Sponsored Projects Office, or SPO. Melissa McCarthy, Director of University

Research External Relations, explained that the SPO "will help you to do the budget."

Director of the SPO Mary Kate DeMarco said that funding can come from grants or contracts. Grants are given by the government for projects that generally affect the public indirectly. She gave an example of gene testing to determine potential cures for diseases.

Contracts, however, are given by the government to a certain research group when a federal agency needs help with a certain research topic. DeMarco explained that the Department of Defense would ask for proposals if it needed help detecting IEDs.

The University of Rhode Island's colleges are broken into three teams. These teams, DeMarco said, group similar colleges together and roughly disperse the number of proposals evenly.

Another office that aids in proposal approval is the office of Research Compliance. Interim Director Diana Brown said, "We help you meet all regulations."

She explained that research on things such as humans, animals and radiation, requires compliance with the relevant committees before the grant can be approved and the research can

begin.

One of the biggest concerns for the Research Compliance Office is conflicts of interest.

"A conflict of interest arises whenever a member of the university community is in a position where he or she could influence the university in ways that could lead to personal gain," she said.

"The world of Research Compliance is very complex," she added.

Another aspect of the proposal process lies with Jim Petell, the assistant vice president for the Research and Intellectual Property Management and Commercialization. The main purpose of this office, McCarthy said, is to "make sure you file patents."

This face of the process is especially important, Petell said, because it protects the work that has been done and prevents others from stealing research ideas.

Jennifer Specker, the associate project director of the Rhode Island NSF Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR), said her goal is "to make RI be a world-class state." Started in 1978, this program promotes collaboration among other institutions of higher learning

in Rhode Island.

"We want to make sure the state, if not the world, knows about all the great things we do," Sara MacSorley, Coordinator of the EPSCoR Program, said that it focuses primarily on marine life science, genomics, and proteomics research.

"[The program] allows researchers to use equipment that they wouldn't be able to purchase individually," she said.

Once the research grant has been obtained, the last step is to get the story out to the target audience. Melissa McCarthy, director of research external relations, explained that she gets to tell the stories of research being done on campus through the URI Research and Innovation magazine, as well as the website.

She also gives the news to local news bureaus. The information is also passed on to Alfonso, who serves as the point of contact between the university and the state's senators and congressmen. McCarthy said the purpose of this is "to let them know what's important to the university."

"The university is all about helping the state," she added.



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# EDITORIAL & OPINION

## Stay Safe

Unfortunately, when most people think of a college education, many times the first thing to come to mind isn't a fully-packed library or students discussing their lecture notes out on the Quadrangle—rather, it's attending the parties that have become synonymous with getting a degree.

While college is a time to have fun, make new friends and explore life outside of high school, this shouldn't mean to completely throw caution to the wind. It's easy to forget when you're getting ready for a night out with your friends that your actions could result in something more serious than just a hangover.

With the University of Rhode Island's sordid history with alcohol, resulting in former President Robert L. Carothers declaring URI a dry campus, ones actions should be considered with greater depth. However, a quick look at the university police's weekly reports, or the slew of arrests that have resulted from a drunken student's night out, proves that this isn't always the case.

The results of a night out don't always go away. They can be more serious than an embarrassing Facebook photo you detag in the morning or a text message you never meant to send. For many students, it might result in a police record they never thought they would have—a record that sticks with them long after their diploma is issued.

For some, the results are more serious—and the repercussions not only impact them, but their friends, family and loved ones.

Luckily, there are resources on campus to help individuals who might be facing problems with their alcohol consumption. Resources such as the Counseling Center and the Early Sobriety Group, are available to support students and provide them with information they need to make safe, smart decisions.

It's easy to think one night spent out might not be a big deal. However, it's smart to think ahead and think safe—stopping a problem before it has the chance to start.

## Vice President of Student Affairs leaves legacy of GLBT advocacy

This past summer, Andrew Winters, after 17 years at URI, left the university. Since 2001 he was the first person to serve as assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Programs and Services, having previously worked in Residential Life.

Throughout his time at URI, Andrew devised wide-ranging programs for addressing GLBT dynamics in a university setting. I have known Andrew for 15 years primarily through work on committees planning the yearly URI GLBT Symposium. In this letter I would like to publicly acknowledge some of his contributions.

Over the years, Andrew has worked with many others putting together, on a miniscule budget, exciting conferences that have included researchers, educators, artists, politicians, authors, activists and journalists.

The GLBT Symposium series is one of the longest running gay-oriented university symposium in the country. 2011 was the 17th consecutive it was offered on campus. Symposia contributors over the years have included: then Providence Mayor David Cicilline; Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA); Beth LaFreda, English Professor and author of "Losing Matt Shepard;" actor Calvin Levels' in "James Baldwin: Down from the Mountaintop" (Tony Award nominated original solo play); Providence Gay Men's Chorus; Anthropology Professor Brian Gilley author

of "Becoming Two Spirited: Coming out in Indian Country."

Andrew took the lead in arranging for two national touring projects to stop at URI. The first, an elaborate traveling exhibit depicting the experience of homosexuals in Germany, called "Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals, 1933-1945," was organized by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC. The exhibit filled the URI Fine Arts Gallery for six weeks, was opened with a lecture by the Holocaust Museum's national curator and was visited by students on class assignments, and others beyond the campus and state. URI was only one of three New England universities to host this important event.

Another national touring program, the Call to Duty, was made up of seven gay and lesbian veterans of the Iraq War, many of whom had been discharged under the military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy. The veterans told a rapt audience about the difficulties they faced trying to serve their country while being forced to hide their sexual orientation. The URI appearance came right after the group's inaugural presentation at Harvard.

On a daily basis Andrew carried out a variety of activities to create a sense of community and hospitable campus environment for GLBT individuals. He developed a welcoming GLBT Center where students could drop-in and where meetings, weekly conversation groups, gay-ori-

ented film series and other activities could be held. Through the Center, Andrew extended himself as a resource and advocate for all aspects of gay life.

Outside recognition of Andrew's accomplishments has come from the positive change in the national reputation of URI with regard to campus climate for GLBT students. Early on, in two consecutive issues of the Princeton Review, URI was rated as one of the most homophobic campuses of those evaluated. In recent years this characterization has disappeared altogether and in the last two years *The Advocate* magazine listed URI as one of the 100 most GLBT affirming campuses in the country.

Andrew was deeply attuned to the multiple issues surrounding gay lives both on and off campus. The scope of his campus work including counseling individual GLBT students, informing university policy, educating the campus about GLBT topics and trouble-shooting cases of apparent discrimination. He was instrumental in establishing a solid foundation of respect of dignity for GLBT issues, carrying out his many complex tasks with praiseworthy degree of good humor and commitment.

URI is a better place for GLBT students and others because of Andrew's pioneering work.

--Albert Lott, Emeritus professor of psychology at URI

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Unpredictable R.I. weather means trendy footwear options for students

BY SARAH-ROSE MARCUS  
Contributing Entertainment Writer

As a native New Yorker, I experienced a culture shock when I began at the University of Rhode Island. I had to trade in my sushi diet for Subway and Izone, and learned to deal with the strange white color of American cheese. However, the hardest adjustment I have faced in my time at URI has been the weather.

The harsh winds and pouring rain in Rhode Island has definitely put a damper on my wardrobe (pun totally intended). Fortunately, all of you new freshmen are lucky enough to start school with the rain fashion guide that I wish I had. The guide gives tips how to remain trendy and dry at the same time.

After years of trial and error, I have finally learned the do's and don'ts of dressing in the rain. One of the biggest misconceptions students have at this school is that they take the term "practical" a little too loosely. Although a large portion of our time on campus is spent avoiding whiplash by the harsh Rhode Island winds, it

does not mean it should be done in a yellow Mickey Mouse windbreaker.

My suggestion would be to invest in a trendy yet practical raincoat—this will be your uniform for the next four years. My personal favorite is the Burberry Brit Swing Raincoat because it comes with a detachable lining for those super windy days.

However, if your textbook and parking pass bills have put you in debt, you can opt for some more affordable options made by Michael Kors or Lauren by Ralph Lauren.

The concept "less is more" absolutely must be applied when picking out rain boots. It is crucial that you do not wear rain boots with a pattern, whether it is hearts, rubber duckies or pictures of Katy Perry. Rain boots are ugly by default and must not be drawing unneeded attention.

I once came across an Ed Hardy pair in the Memorial Union and am still getting over the trauma (and yes there were sequins involved). Do not repeat these mistakes and opt for a more subtle and

singular toned choice.

Your safest bet is the classic yet functional Hunter Wellies, which have a super warm and comfy felt lining. They come in a wide array of colors so you can still be original without being the idiot in the polka dots. If you are itching for a more fashion forward look, you can opt for some designer pairs—my top picks this season are the lace-ups by See, Chloe or Givenchy.

The point of enduring the less than desirable raingear is to protect our biggest asset—the outfit. It is crucial to remember the fact that once we enter the classroom all bets are off and our outfits become exposed. Just because it is raining out does not give us the right to wear scrubs from Joey's Bar Mitzvah in '01.

Our outerwear does not leave us much to work with so it is important to overcompensate with a cute outfit. For bottoms, I recommend a cute pair of Jeggings because they'll fit comfortably under your rain boots. As someone who likes to spice it up, I have a lot of fun with bright pairs



**Just because the weather is frightful doesn't mean your wardrobe has to be! Brighten up a damp day with bright rain boots and fashionable rain coats.**

by Rag and Bone or J Brand. The Jeggings will look super chic paired with an awesome poncho, as they are all the rage this season. You can take your pick, whether you like Navajo-inspired, checkered, fringed or hooded!

There you have it—your style guide for the next four years.

Dressing cute in the rain can be done, as long as you embrace the situation and take in my wisdom. As a freshman, you are making a strong impression so it is up to you whether you want to be known as the girl with the badass poncho or the girl in the Mr. Snuffleupagus Wellies. Good luck!

## Senate

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Committee worked with the Surf Club to lower the equipment fees.

Brown said he has been planning this event for more than a year. Last year, the surf club had similar plans to bring Badfish to the campus for a benefit concert to fund a relief trip to Nicaragua.

The surf club was granted the money by the Student Senate, but the bill was vetoed the next day after it was discovered the way the money was going to be spent was neither in the club's category nor their mission statement.

"Last year I started planning it again," Brown said. "The idea is homecoming needs to be better. What we're doing is having an extreme sports caravan."

He said the URI Snowboard Club, among other sponsors, would be helping out with the event.

The extreme sports caravan, Brown said, will not only consist of the headline Badfish concert. There will be three different events held on the Quadrangle, scheduled to run from the afternoon into the night.

"We're going to have tarp surfing, which is where you skate[board] through a big tarp and [it's] pulled over to make a barrel and it's really cool. We're going to turn that into a slip and slide."

Brown said that the surf club is working on the possibili-

ty of getting gold-medal

BMX rider and East Providence native Kevin Robinson to attend and demo on an imported half-pipe.

The second event is "Swiss Ball Surfing," made popular by the television show

Tosh.O. It consists of a line of exercise balls requiring participants to roll on them consecutively, trying to make it from the first ball to the last without falling off.

"[The third event will be] beach volleyball, all day," Brown said. "We're going to have a longboard slalom contest and we're going to end it with a free Badfish concert on the quad."

In addition to all of the events that will be held during the day, Brown said they are also going to have a DJ playing music. Brown said he is hoping for thousands of students to attend, "maybe 10,000 [students]."

The event will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., with the

Badfish concert scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Brown said for more information and updates, students should view the surf club's Facebook page.

"This benefits the entire URI community," Brown said. "Just the whole [idea] I came in, thinking big. That's what I really want to make happen."

In other news:

- The Outing Club was granted \$1,200 from the senate's programming contingency in order to pay for 100 outing passes for rock climbing.

## Volleyball

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about his team's performance in the second set. He went on to cite that his team failed to play with the consistency it showed in the first set and that really hurt them.

PC came out strong again on the third set. The Friars maintained the lead early before the rams tied the score at nine. The set was back and forth until a long volley with the game tied at 14. Rhode Island took the point and was almost able to pull away when PC tied the set back up at 19.

PC was called for an error on a double touch and URI took the lead, followed by the set 25-22 to win the game. "

A 3-0 win is a 3-0 win, and sometimes it's ugly and I'll take it," Schneck stated. "There was no need for us to be that close to that team at all."

Next up for URI is a weekend set against two Atlantic 10-Conference teams in Philadelphia. The Rams match up with Temple University on Friday and La Salle University on Saturday.



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## The End of an Era: The Cigar discusses the Harry Potter Phenomena

BY MATTHEW GOUDREAU  
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In July I attended the midnight premiere of the final film in the boy wizard saga, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part Two*. Surrounded by a mass of diehard Potter fans, I sat down and braced myself.

I knew it was the end of a franchise, but it didn't completely hit me that it was the last film until the closing scene and end credits began. I remember sitting in my chair, amidst the other members of the audience following the final scene, silent. Nobody said a word until about 10 seconds into the credits. Immediately following was thunderous applause, some cheering, and even some cries shouting "It can't be over."

While everyone was reacting to the film, I stayed silent until everyone left, and I was the last out of the room. On my way to my car I was asked by a stranger, "How was the Harry Potter movie?"

I looked at him and said, "the greatest ending to one of the best franchises I have had the pleasure of viewing."

It's amazing to think that an eight-film franchise spanning 10 years would have been able to enthrall millions of people across the world the way Harry Potter has. I view

Harry Potter as the Star Wars of the modern era. It has been able to transport myself and other fans to a place completely distant from our own lives and spanned over such a long period of time. The only difference is in quality, as all eight films have been equal to, if not better than Lucas's Space Opera franchise.

But what aspects of the series kept audiences coming back for more? The first aspect that comes to mind is the characters. Watching the three main characters of Harry, Ron and Hermione, as well as the actors portraying them both grow up as people and actors, has been the most impressive part of this franchise.

Their personalities, their chemistry and their ability to provide such depth to their characters that not even Rowling's books could evoke is a testament to the actors themselves. While they were a little shaky in the first two Chris Columbus directed films, they have been able to perfect their craft and become their characters entirely.

The entire ensemble as a whole throughout the series has been nothing short of amazing. British film legends such as Alan Rickman, Michael Gambon, Maggie Smith and Ralph Fiennes have been able to create very

charismatic, deep and likeable (as well as despicable) characters that practically leap off the screen.

Thinking about it, there is not one forgettable character from the entire series. This is because enough screen time is given to each character in order to really get to know them. It is also due to Rowling's genius in her ability to create memorable personalities and find the perfect actor for each part.

I have read various favorite characters lists and discussed the topic with many people, which led me to come up with a few standouts of my own. The first name that comes to mind is Alan Rickman as Professor Snape. He plays him as both sly and likeable at the same time. His performance, especially in the final film of the series, truly allowed me to appreciate him as an actor even more.

Right after, Rickman on my list is Helena Bonham Carter as Bellatrix. Although introduced in the later half, she easily becomes the biggest villain of the series, even more so than Voldemort, because she is so evil and downright insane. Carter has always been one of my favorites, and whenever she was on screen I was rendered speechless.

From Remus to the

Malfloys to Sirius to Hagrid, everyone gives it their all and it is hard to think of a better ensemble in any series.

Another reason why these films are so enjoyable is because of the story. Themes, such as being an outcast or overcoming fear and adversity, are timeless and extremely relatable. A majority of the characters in the films I can compare to some of my friends and acquaintances.

Although each film is connected, each one can stand as its own movie because they do somewhat follow the same formula. Harry and the gang must find some item or fight evil, but each film is done so differently that they are separate films.

This is due to the various tones set by the directors who have worked on them. Whether it's the humorous and childish tone of Columbus' first two films to the dark and stylish tone of Alfonso Cuarón's third film to the perfect blend of the two with David Yates' final four films, they all show various takes on such a great book series.

Personally, I believe *The Prisoner of Azkaban* is the best film in the entire series because it represented the biggest change from the humor to the darker Potter films of more recent years. It

also does the best job adapting the source material because of the book's length. The rest of the movies had a lot of cuts due to time restraints, but I do not feel they take away from the series because the plot holes are minimal at worst, and in some cases there are none at all.

However, *Order of the Phoenix* is my favorite film of the series, in part because it sets up the remainder of the series with Voldemort's return, and because it has a really downbeat ending with the death of Sirius, Harry's godfather and almost-brother. It also is the best blend of comedy and dark drama, especially with the aspect of the film involving the connection that Harry has with Voldemort.

The last 10 years, the Harry Potter franchise has been both my favorite and the most consistent film series in recent memory. The characters, themes and story act as a foil for some of the boring aspects of my life and have kept myself and millions others entertained. With no more films in the series and the final film being a perfect caper, I think I speak for all the fans when I say, "Rowling... Please no prequels."

## 'The Wizarding World of Harry Potter' brings back childhood memories

BY HILLARY BRADY  
Editor-in-Chief

If you stood 50 college-aged students in a room and tried to pick out the Harry Potter fans, I don't think I would immediately jump to mind.

Not to be completely and totally self-centered (for once), but when you think of a diehard lover of the Potter trilogy, I tend to characterize them as people who buy those Slytherin robes and t-shirts from Hot Topic or who get Dark Mark tattoos—no judgments here if you do.

In my experience, Harry Potter has become the great equalizer in terms of appeal. Most individuals from our age group grew up with Harry Potter in a way that is totally unique to our generation. I remember getting the first book when I was in the fourth grade and staying inside all day on a Saturday (the true sign of commitment) to read it cover to cover, then over again.

When the subsequent books came out, it became a school-wide event to meet up at Barnes and Noble at midnight and talk about what happened the next day at school,

or once talking on the phone became the "it" social event of the sixth grade, calling to chat about the plot turns.

As a side note, it was also the most excellent form of sibling bullying ever, because I was always a faster reader than my younger sister—there's no better leverage to a small child than "I'll tell you if Harry survives or not," when arguing over the TV remote.

Getting to go to "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter" at Universal Studios, Orlando let me crack open that chapter of childhood history (minus the semi-sibling rivalry), and let my "Harry Potter" freak-flag fly. I've since grown up from the gangly bookworm with glasses (I was a sight to see, no pun intended) that first picked up the novel and have become, in most respects, a completely normal person by every conventional standard.

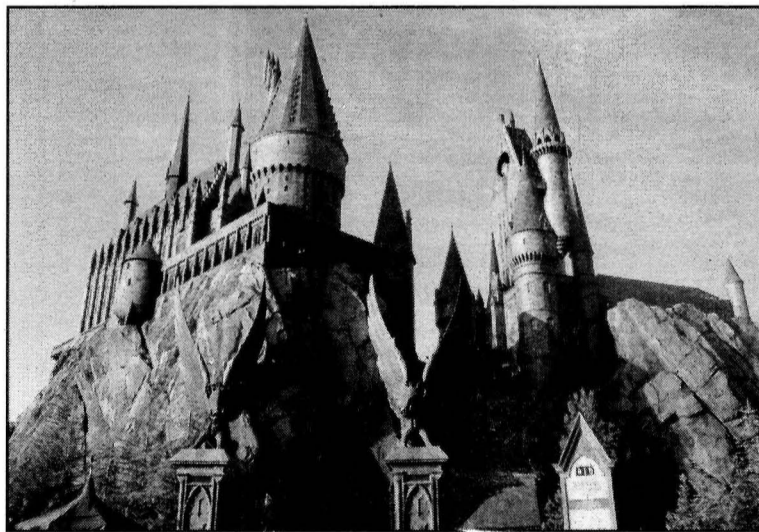
To my general surprise, in the crowd of hundreds of people storming the gates of the fake-Hogsmeade baking in the sun of scenic-Orlando, there was just as eclectic a crowd. There were a group of frat guys posing next to the entrance to "The Three

Broomsticks," and lining up a point-and-shoot digital camera to accurately frame a poster of Sirius Black.

There were groups of college soccer players on a team trip squeezing into Ollivander's to buy a \$30 toy wand (skip this, it's a two-hour wait to get into a gift shop). There were whole families, with four kids in tow, breaking out the checkbook to buy an \$11 frozen butterbeer.

Not to get sappy, but besides being a big pain to anyone (and everyone's) checkbook, the most magical part of the Harry Potter theme park was just how magical everyone found it to be. For the price of an inflated park ticket, everyone got to be a gawky, 11-year-old for an afternoon, marveling at the story of a kid, just like them, who found something special in himself. It didn't matter who you grew up to be, but who you were when you picked up "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

It was an equalizer in the best possible sense—among many things, "Harry Potter" is all about love and acceptance (spoiler alert, but that's how he beat Voldemort, obviously),



No matter your age or level of Harry Potter-related knowledge, castles are always cool.

and the theme park offered everyone a chance to celebrate something they'd spent a decade enjoying.

I could tell you about how cool the rides were (you get a pep talk from Dumbledore! Of course it's a great time!), or how you'll want to take a picture next to everything (don't bother with the moving paintings, they won't come out when you use your flash), or how, yes, there will be people there wearing over-priced Hogwarts robes (in the 10 degree, humid, Florida sun), but that's not the point of

ting a ticket to "The Wizarding World of Harry Potter." The point is to remember how fun it was to pick up a book and wonder what was going to happen on the next page—to feel like an ordinary person surrounded by something extraordinary.

Plus, you can totally send yourself a postcard from there and have it postmarked from Hogsmeade, so you can pretend you're getting Hogwarts-style correspondence—not that I would know, or anything I'm clearly not the type.



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# 5K

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their lives and are hoping to impart the same joy of running to the people joining the program, Johnson said.

Health Educator and registered nurse Sheila Mitchell joined the group and said she is glad to have a goal for herself.

"I'm not normally a runner, though I always wanted to be," Mitchell said, "this is a great motivational group". "The girls really make it an enjoyable time and they have such good attitudes that it makes it so fun."

Others, such as Mary Leatham, a research assistant in the biology department, recently began running and are glad to have some consistency in their training.

"I really want to get into a good rhythm and schedule for my running and this group has been a great motivation because I find that disciplining myself on my own is really hard," Leatham said. "I want to be able to run farther and faster without hurting myself."

Nikky Vannelli, a second year graduate student, ran cross country in high school but has not run much since.

"I'm really trying to get back into it because I really enjoy running," Vannelli said. "It definitely helps to have a commitment to come; there are people who will keep me accountable."

For more information about joining the program, email [URI5k2011@gmail.com](mailto:URI5k2011@gmail.com).

### Freshmen Representatives

#### Adiva Musali

Hello, I'm Adiva Musali, a freshman here at URI and also in hope of becoming part of the Student Senate. The reason why I'm running is quite simple: I want to be a representation of the freshmen class in order to make our years here go a lot smoother. Issues that peers have shall not be ignored and everyone will have the same opportunity to have their voice be heard. Please vote for me.

#### Matt Kilduff

My name is Matt Kilduff and I am running to be your freshman representative. I am a native Rhode Islander and I have been a URI fan my entire life. As your freshman representative I promise to always have your best interests in mind and will always be open to hearing whatever suggestions and requests you guys have and will try my best to have them fulfilled. Thanks and vote for me!

#### John Paul Goddard

Hello freshmen voters, I am John Goddard: a fellow URI pharmacy freshman Rhode Islander, living in Heathman Hall. During high school, I was a mentor to people with learning disabilities, in the band, on my school's varsity track team and debate team. If elected, I will attempt to clear freshmen and sophomores who have received their first writes up by means of community service. This is a great way to give back to the URI community.

#### Emily Dionne

Hi, my name is Emily Dionne. I am a New Hampshire native and a freshman here at URI. In high school, I enjoyed being a leader. I was on the Student Council, President of NHS and VP of my class. I believe my experience in student government makes me a strong candidate for URI's Student Senate. I would work hard to be a dedicated member and represent the student body as a whole.

#### Jacob Lanoie

Hey students of URI! My name is Jacob Lanoie and I am running for Student Senate as a freshman representative. If elected as a representative I promise

to work for the benefit of students and student organizations. One of my main goals would be to ensure that school sports and student organizations are well funded, thus creating a better school environment and more school spirit. So, please vote for me and you won't regret it!

#### Melanie Davis

My name is Melanie Davis and I am a nursing major as well as a freshman. I am running for Student Senate because I want to make our freshmen year the most memorable year of our college careers. I am very dedicated to everything that I do and I hope to represent our class this year. I am open to all types of ideas and I won't let you down. Let's have a great year!

### Off-Campus Representatives

#### Liz Koczera

Hi Everyone! My name is Liz Koczera. I'm a senior pharmacy student and hoping to be your off-campus representative for senate. After commuting two years, I feel I have the necessary experience to represent URI students. I'm interested in promoting maintenance of parking lots, providing maps of local roads, and will be open to suggestions from the student body. Please consider me to represent you and I promise not to let you down.

#### Annalisa Sharkey

Hey everybody! My name is Annalisa Sharkey and I'm running to become your next Student Senate off-campus representative. Being a native and local volunteer, I have developed an appreciation toward local, sustainable business. As part of Student Senate, I want to help establish a student-run natural foods co-op to help teach sustainability and build a stronger sense of community among students. A vote for me is a vote for a healthier, more sustainable campus.

#### Teaira Perry

Hello! My name is Teaira, people call me Tia. I am a junior at URI and this year I am running for student senate as an Off-campus rep. I am running because I feel I have a lot to offer the student senate body, and I feel that I can help make changes

to this campus for the off-campus community. So please vote, every vote counts and every vote is appreciated! Thanks.

### At-Large Representatives

#### Amanda Studley

Greetings URI students! My name is Amanda Studley and I am running for at large representative. I recently transferred to URI; at my last school I was heavily involved in student government, student affair work and I held several leadership positions. Due to my previous leadership experience I believe I can offer a unique insight that could benefit our campus community in multiple ways. I hope to be able to represent you this academic year!

#### Linda Reyes

First and foremost I represent the TD nation as a sophomore here on campus. I'm originally from Providence. I am double major in communications and political science, seeking for more knowledge to help local communities and/or organizations. My future goals include: obtaining a job in office at the state of Rhode Island. Work with people in the community to come together as a nation. Finally, work with the corruption behind the political world.

#### Zahan Akbar

My name is Zahan Akbar. I am a third year Pharmacy major with aspirations of making monumental change in this university in which I see unlimited potential. Having experienced the wonders of various cultures through traveling the world, I am able to listen, understand, and respond effectively to the concerns of others. If elected, I will make sure the students' voices are heard, whether they're changes in dining quality or hours, parking services or academics.

### College of Environmental Life Science Representative

#### Brittany Dobrzynski

I was elected to Student Senate last spring and have since been serving as off-campus representative. I am fully aware and capable of all duties to uphold in this position to make improvements as acting liaison between senate and CELS. As a junior I

have two more years and have already begun plans to work with the dean to develop an appropriate advising/student advocacy program which will benefit all CELS students. Think big. Vote Brittany!

#### Kelleigh Eastman

Would you like to see a greener campus with more delicious and nutritious locally produced foods? This is one of the issues I would like to address this year. I am a senior in the Nutrition Department and my interests are in food, society and the environment. I hope to increase relations between local farms and campus dining to help make URI a more environmentally sustainable campus.

#### Zachary McGraw

Hello, my name is Zachary McGraw and I am running for the position of representative for the College of Environmental and Life Sciences. I am currently a junior in microbiology and would like to continue on to do research and development. As an upperclassman on campus I realize some of the problems that occur at URI, and I would like to take an active role in the senate to help in the decision making process.

#### Cassie Purington

My name is Cassie Purington and I am a sophomore here at URI majoring in medical laboratory science. As a representative for the College of the Environment and Life Sciences, my main focus would be on my fellow students in CELS and their ideas on how to make CELS even better. My personal goal as a representative would be to create more awareness about this college and the opportunities it has to offer all students.

#### Abigail Farrow

My name is Abigail Farrow and I am a senior, communicative disorders major for speech pathology. I have been on the URI Student Senate since my freshman year, but studied abroad last semester in Australia, which is why I would love to be voted back on. Also, I am the assistant director for St. Jude Up 'til Dawn here at URI. I am a very dedicated person, strong leader and love helping people.

**Have something to say?  
Write to the Cigar today at  
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# Rhody SPORTS



## Volleyball team beats PC in three sets

BY SHAWN SAIYA  
Sports Editor

Senior Kayla Wilson led the team with 20 kills in 34 attempts as the University of Rhode Island women's volleyball team downed in-state rival Providence College three sets to none last night at Keaney Gymnasium. The Rams took the first set with ease before running into some friction in the second and third.

"They gave us a run for our money in the second and third set," Wilson said. "They played some great offense and defense and were digging everything but fortunately we were able to pull it out. It was great to come back and beat them this year."

Wilson had only three attack errors on the night to continue her strong season. With 10 matches remaining, Wilson has amassed 237 kills, eight shy of her single season record set last year.

Senior Candice Kolkka also played outstanding up front with 44 assists for the Rams. URI breezed through the first set without breaking stride. The Rams were ahead 10-2 before PC finally scored a point that did not come by way of an error.

"We felt really good," junior Ashley Tennant said. "This was more of a grudge match for us and we came out with a lot of fire in the first game and that's why there was such the big spread."

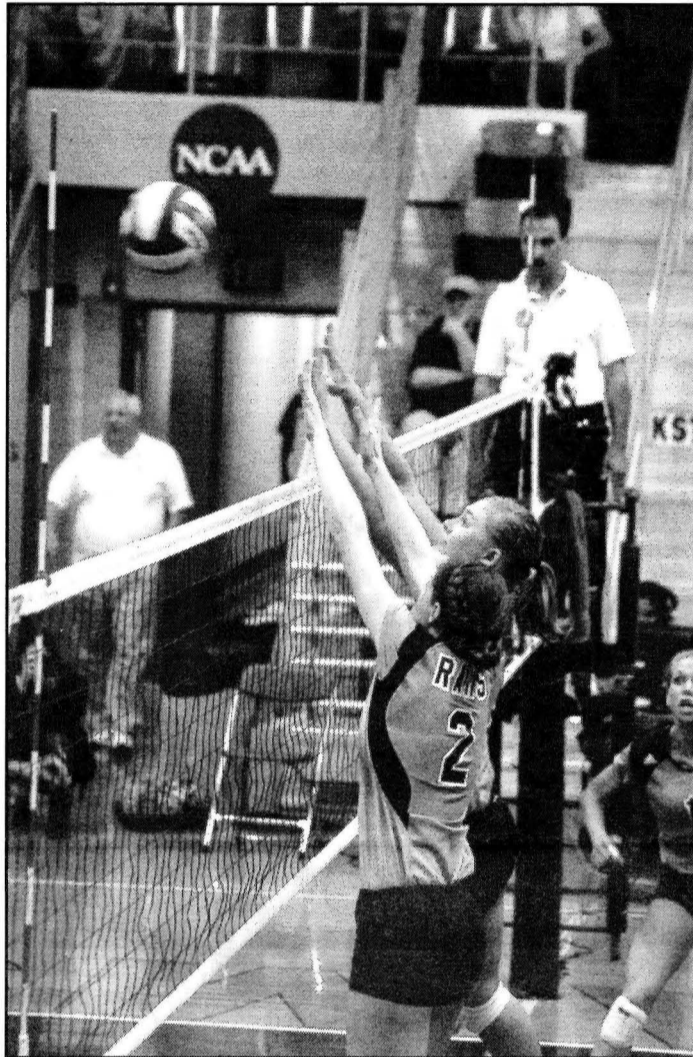
URI was up 21-6 by the time PC was able to score on back-to-back volleys, but it

was not enough as the Rams took the set 25-11. The Rams hitting percentage was an impressive .419 percent in the first set.

"Anytime you beat a team 25 to 11 it's dangerous because you sort of think we've done it and you've won the match," head coach Bob Schneck explained.

PC continued on what little momentum they conjured up after the first set. The Friars led the set until the Rams tied the score up at 19. With the score tied at 20, URI was able to pull away and take the second set 25-22. "I think we let up," Schneck said

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Lauren Gingerella | Cigar

URI teammates Catie Steffen and Jill Anderson block a hit from Providence College during last night's game in Keaney Gymnasium.

## Men's hockey splits series

BY SHAWN SAIYA  
Sports Editor

The University of Rhode Island men's ice hockey opened the book on its season with a series split at Rutgers University over the weekend.

The Rams flexed their offensive muscles on Friday night, scoring seven goals for the victory, but fell flat in the rematch on Saturday for a loss.

"It's not a good start," head coach Joe Augustine said. "We were disappointed in our performance. Rutgers, like any team, if you don't show up to play you're going to get beat."

The Rams struck first in the opener on a power play shot from senior defenseman Dan Lassik less than six minutes in. Rutgers responded two minutes later with a power play strike of its own.

Freshman forward Alex Tutsch brushed the back of the twine for his first of two tallies in his first collegiate game to give the Rams the lead back before the period's end.

Rutgers tied the game back up on the first shift of the second period. The game

stayed knotted at two for five minutes until junior forward Shawn Tingley struck and gave the Rams a lead they would not relinquish.

Junior forwards David Macalino and Mike Radzizewski, Tutsch and freshman forward AJ Chua each added to the lead to give the Rams a 7-4 victory.

Junior goalie Paul Kenny made 23 saves on 26 chances in 50 minutes of play, while junior Matt DeJulio stopped five of six in the game's final 10 minutes.

Rutgers grinded its way to a 6-3 win on Saturday afternoon with some key players for the Rams out due to injury. Rutgers scored two first period goals to take the lead in the first period.

The Rams bounced back in the second period on goals from Macalino and junior forward Mike Tait to tie the game at two following 40 minutes of play. Rutgers regained the lead early in the third period.

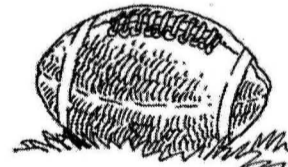
Tait had five points on the weekend.

"It was a lot of my team, they helped me out a lot," Tait

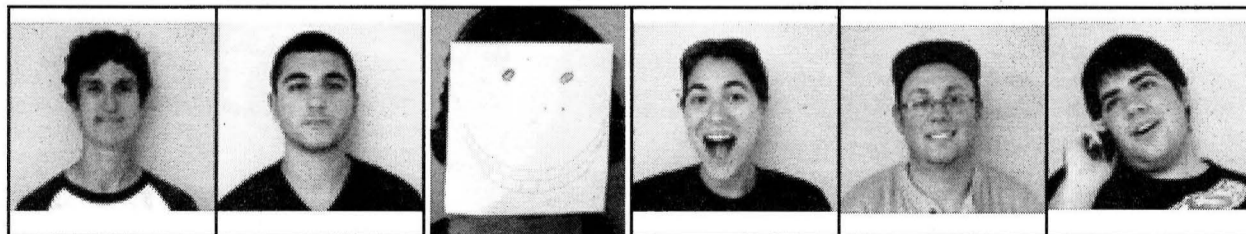
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"Great win, great team, great kids on the team. It's fun to watch and they played extremely well. It's always good to beat PC, always." - President David M. Dooley

## PIGSKIN PICKS



The Cigar staff predict the outcome of this weekend's college football games.



	Joey H.	Joe R.	Teresa	Lauren	Mike	Shawn
#14 TX A&M @ #18 Arkansas	TX A&M	TX A&M	TX A&M	TX A&M	Arkansas	Arkansas
#13 Clemson @ #11 VA Tech	Clemson	Clemson	VA Tech	Clemson	VA Tech	VA Tech
#3 Alabama @ #12 Florida	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Florida
Auburn @ #10 S. Carolina	S. Carolina	S. Carolina	S. Carolina	S. Carolina	S. Carolina	Auburn
#8 Nebraska @ #7 Wisconsin	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Wisconsin	Wisconsin
URI @ Brown	URI	URI	URI	URI	URI	URI